

News

From the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission

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Media Advisory

KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION REPORT AVAILABLE

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 28, 2003) -- The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission's (KSNPC) 2003 Biennial Report is available for viewing on the Internet at: <http://www.kynaturepreserves.org>. The report features the commission's ongoing efforts to preserve the best remaining natural areas, and rarest plants and animals throughout the Commonwealth. The report contains narrative information on the commission's programs and functions as well as graphics to highlight the agency's accomplishments.

KSNPC Executive Director Donald S. Dott, Jr. encourages the public to visit the Web site and particularly to note the tables identifying state nature preserves and registered natural areas by county. Dott said, "Citizens with these unique natural areas located within their locales are fortunate indeed. However, with only 50 percent of the state inventoried for intact natural communities, there are significant discoveries ahead."

Due to budgetary constraints, the commission is unable to publish the report in hardcopy format. However, any comments or questions about the report or the work of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, may be directed to the commission at (502)573-2886 or by e-mail at nrepc.ksnpcemail@mail.state.ky.us.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare, native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system with 17,835 acres statewide.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502) 573-2886 or on the Internet (www.kynaturepreserves.org).